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THE ARETÉ NEWS

STRIKING KNOWLEDGE TO CADETS WITHIN THE 49ER BATTALION



Good to Go???

Tips from MSG Louis-

1. Individual Tasks:

- Land Navigation-
- Physical Training-
- Conceptual Knowledge

2. Teamwork:

- Help out your Buddy
- Communication between leaders

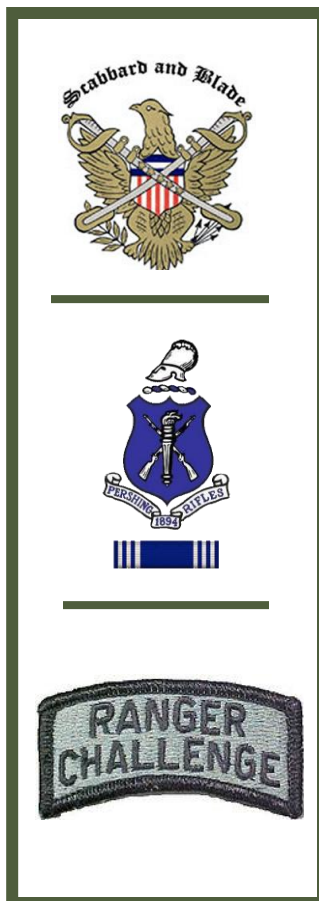
3. Graded mostly on leadership

- Know OPORD inside and out
- ATTENTION TO DETAIL
- Treat everything like it's real

4. Remember to have fun

- This is a stepping stone in becoming an officer

UNCC's Organization Update



Scabbard & Blade has finished their review and will be sending out letters the first week of October. Pledging will start soon after.

Pledging Process has begun.

Our next event will be on Saturday 22 October 2011 here at UNC Charlotte

We are now 3 weeks away from our Ranger Challenge competition.

This week we are starting the technical phase with ruckmarch, swiss seats, and rope bridges.

Military Courses and Schools:

Air Assault Course:

Air Assault school is a 10 day course that qualifies soldiers to conduct airmobile and air assault helicopter operations. This includes aircraft orientation, slingload operations, proper rappelling techniques and fast-rope techniques. To graduate, soldiers will need to complete a 12-mile ruck march. The school is broken into three main phases outside from day zero and graduation day.

Phase one is the Air Assault Phase. During this phase you will learn and become proficient in air assault operations, pathfinder operations, hand and arm signals, aircraft familiarization, aircraft safety, and aeromedevac operations. Phase two is the slingload phase and will consist of learning how to prepare loads for slingload. You will learn how to load different equipment and everything must be committed to memory such as the tensile strength of the equipment, lift capabilities of the supporting aircraft, and rigging and inspection of prepared loads. The rappelling part starts in phase three. In this phase, you will learn how to tie a swiss seat and rappel off a 12 and 50 foot tower. Then you will repel from a helicopter hovering 100 feet above the ground.

On graduation day you will undergo a 12 mile ruckmarch in three hours or less. Once completed, the badge is pinned on your chest.



Airborne School:



Airborne School, or jump school, conducts basic paratrooper training for the United States armed forces and is operated by the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry, United States Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, GA.

The purpose of the course is to qualify volunteers in the use of a parachute as a mean of a combat deployment. Also, it is used to develop leader, self-confidence, and an aggressive spirit through mental and physical conditioning. This course is three weeks long and consists of a Ground week, Tower Week, and Jump Week.

Ground week is where soldiers receive classes on how to wear a parachute, how to properly land. To pass this week, they will qualify on a 34-foot tower. In tower week, the students will learn the proper technique to exit an aircraft during flight. To successfully pass tower week, students must demonstrate an understanding of in-flight instructions and proper exit from the 34-foot tower. Also, they must perform all PLF's on the Swing Landing Training. The last week is Jump Week. During this week, students will make five parachute jumps into Fryar Drop Zone (DZ) in Alabama. In the first two jumps are considered "Hollywood," and the last three are "combat equipment jumps." The combat equipment jumps are with a ruck sack and dummy weapon. At least one of these jumps is at night.

PT is emphasized throughout the school. All age groups must pass the APFT using the 17-21 age group standards. AIRBORNE!

Sapper:

To wear the Sapper Tab, a soldier must complete the Sapper Leader Course (SLC.) This course is operated by the U.S. Army Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. It is a 28-day course designed to train joint-service leaders in small unit tactics, leadership skills, and tactics required to perform as part of a combined arms team. The training consists of two phases.

Phase I last 14 days and covers general subjects including medical, navigation, demolitions, air and water operations, mountaineering, and landmines and weapons used by enemy forces. The remaining 14 days will be phase II. This phase will cover basic patrolling techniques and battle drills that emphasize leadership. Also subjects include urban operations, breaching, patrol organization and movement, and reconnaissance, raid and ambush tactics. It concludes with a three-day situation training exercise, and five-day field training exercise. These missions are a 60/40 mix of engineer and infantry missions.

Each training event is graded and scored. To graduate, a sapper must earn 700 out of 1000 points.

More Courses:

Mountain Warfare:

This course is taught at the Ethan Allen Firing Range in Jericho, VT. It is taught in two phases, each lasting two weeks.

The summer phase teaches and tests Cadets on military mountaineering operations including rock climbing, rappelling and orienteering. The winter phase teaches and tests on similar tasks but in the winter environment. It includes ice climbing, cross-country skiing and cold weather operations.

This course trains individual soldiers, not units. These soldiers then return to their unit to provide training and mountain warfare experience throughout the U.S. Army.

Upon successful completion cadets are awarded the Ramshead Device, which presently can only be worn by certain National Guard soldiers.

Northern Warfare:

This is a three-week course covering tactical operations in a cold weather climate. Arctic, sub arctic, and mountain environments are brutally unforgiving to the unprepared. Units that have successfully fought in these environments have historically been those with special individual skills, are physically and mentally tough, and have extensive experience and expertise operating in harsh conditions.

The course is taught at Fort Greeley, AK. Soldiers and cadets will be trained in winter survival techniques, skiing, snowshoeing and cold weather patrolling. The mission of the course is "to provide relevant training to the leaders of USARAK units so that they can fight and win in demanding cold weather and mountain environments. A soldier trained in winter is also a good summer fighter; trained only in summer he is helpless in the winter!"

Cadet Troop Leadership Training:

Cadet Troop Leadership Training is an optional program for MSIII cadets during the summer following completion of LDAC. This three week CONUS or 4 week OCONUS program trains Cadets in lieutenant positions with active Army and Reserve component units. Assignments are available in nearly all branches and with units world wide.

Students are placed in charge of a regular Army platoon of approximately 35 soldiers. The student's objective is to perform the leadership and management tasks necessary to train the platoon's soldiers and maintain it's equipment.

Cadet Field Training:

This is an 4-week program of instruction executed by the United States Military Academy to develop the leadership skills of sophomore cadets. Seven weeks of CFT will be at Camp Buckner.

CFT consists of basic skill level training ending with Maneuver Light Training where the cadets train on how to defend and attack an opposing force.

Cadet Intern Program:

An initiative of ASA/MRA, allows cadets to work with Department of the Army (DA), OCAR, NGB, and OSD for 3 weeks.



ARMY ROTC

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 Lab 2
2	3	4 General McDonald	5	6 Combat water Survival	7	8
9	10 Fall Break==	11 =====>	12	13 National School Service Fair	14 NASCAR Revolution	15 NASCAR Race=====
16 =====>	17	18	19	20 -Ranger Challenge==== Competition -CPCC Transfer Fair	21 =====	22 Pershing Rifles====
23 =====> =====> *Panther's Game	24 APFT- MS I, II, & III	25 APFT- MS IV	26	27	28 Fall FTX==	29 =====
30 =====> *Panther's Game	31	1	2	3	4	5

- **Mandatory Training Event**
- **Ranger Challenge Event**
- **Pershing Rifles Event**
- **Fundraiser Event**
- **Misc Event**

*Volunteers are still needed for these

Physical Training Schedule:

Required PT-
Monday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
Remedial PT-
Tuesdays and Fridays

Formation will be at 0545 in the grass by the Belk Gym until further notice.

*If you can't make a day of PT notify your class instructor 12 hours ahead of time

Photos from 01 October Lab



Cadet Peeler and Smith demonstrating how to properly design a sand table



Cadets rehearsing an EPW search before a STX lane



Cadets rehearsing Aid and Litter

Cadets performing an AAR after a successful mission



Cadet Painter giving help to cadets during STX lanes

Ask a MS IV

Q: What was your most enjoyable time while at LDAC?

A: Although I enjoyed patrolling, I would have to say it was the water confidence day because you have just come in from the field and the end is in sight. The obstacles include the slide-for-life, log-walk/rope-drop, and a zodiac race, it's a nice change of pace and everyone is motivated for this event...Graduation is pretty enjoyable as well.

Q: What garrison leadership were you and what advice would you give about that position?

A: During garrison I was a Squad leader and a Platoon Sergeant. It is very important to conduct PCIs and PCCs on your guys to make sure everyone has the right equipment, sensitive items (weapons), and water, don't forget the water! Also be loud, take charge, maintain accountability, and make a decision, as the Platoon Sergeant it is also important to be knowledgeable in D&C and know cadences.

Q: How would you prepare for STX lanes differently?

A: I would have mastered the OPORDER, had an OPORDER skeleton made that I was comfortable using, and would have practiced briefing the missions. It is important to review material outside of class.

Q: In your MS III year, what do you wish you paid more attention to?

A: I would have paid more attention to patrolling and the PL/PSG responsibilities. Also I should have paid more attention to the OPORDER and planning process.

Cadet Clanton is now entering his MS IV year as Cadet Battalion S3 after completing LDAC this past summer.



Know Your Staff

BC:	Ferguson
XO:	Moore
CSM:	Gallucci
S1:	McClean
S2:	Anderson
S3:	Clanton
S4:	Cochrane
S5:	Sykes
S6:	George
BCO:	Swanson
CCO:	Morris
ECO:	Leach
Ranger CO:	Young
Pershing Rifles:	Dunlap
Scabbard NB:	Goold
Commissioning:	Cook
Military Ball/ Fund	Caserio